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1. AT 1645 JUNE 17 AMBASSADORS OF BELGIUM, FRANCE, UK AND US, AND
FRG CHARGE HAD EACH RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT AND
AGREED:

A. TO MAKE INDIVIDUAL DEMARCHES TO MOBUTU FOLLOWING SCENARIO SET
FORTH REF A;

B. TEXT CONTAINED PARA 6 OF REF A WILL BE PRESENTED BY EACH OF FIVE
AS AIDE MEMOIRE;

C. OBLIGATORY ANNEX (PARA 7, REF A) WILL BE INCLUDED IN ORAL
PRESENTATION OF EACH OF FIVE ALONG WITH ARTICLE 7 OF BRUSSELS
CONCLUSIONS (WHICH BEGINS: QUOTE L'ACCOMPLISSEMENT, DE MANIERE
SYNCHRONISEE, DES MESURES SUIVANTE...UNQUOTE AND ENDS QUOTE...
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CONCOURS DE LA B.I.R.D. UNQUOTE).

D. RAISING OTHER ANNEXES CONTAINED REF D WILL BE LEFT TO DIS-
CRETION OF EACH OF FIVE. (HOWEVER, IT WAS EVIDENT FROM DISCUSSION
THAT MY COLLEAGUES WERE QUITE WARY OF GOING TOO FAR IN CONVEYING
TO MOBUTU DETAILED SUGGESTIONS WHICH HE MIGHT CONSIDER UNDER
INTERFERENCE IN ZAIRIAN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAID
HE INTENDED TO TOUCH ON SEVERAL POINTS IN ANNEXES, WITH SPECIFIC

EXCEPTION OF RESTORATION OF FAZ OFFICERS TO DUTY STATUS. HE THOUGHT MOBUTU WOULD CONSIDER THAT AS GOING TOO FAR. OTHERS TOOK NOTE OF REPORTS THAT SOME OF OFFICERS HAD ALREADY BEEN REINSTATED.)

E. FRENCH AMBASSADOR WILL INFORM MOBUTU HE UNDERSTANDS OTHER MEMBERS OF FIVE ARE SEEKING APPOINTMENTS TO DISCUSS SAME QUESTIONS.

F. IF ANY PRESS REPS ARE PRESENT, EACH OF FIVE WILL REFRAIN FROM COMMENTING ON FACT OR SUBSTANCE OF DEMARCHE.

2. IN ADDITION TO LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH I WILL DELIVER,

FRENCH WILL CONVEY ORAL MESSAGE FROM GISCARD. BELGIAN WILL DELIVER WRITTEN MESSAGE FROM KING WHICH, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO MATTERS TREATED IN DEMARCHE. BRITISH AND GERMAN HAVE NO INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBJECT AND AT THIS POINT DO NOT ANTICIPATE DELIVERING ANY HIGH LEVEL MESSAGE.

3. LATER IN EVENING JUNE 17 FRENCH AMBASSADOR INFORMED ME HE HAD SAID GISCARD HAD JUST TELEPHONED MOBUTU, APPARENTLY TO PAVE THE WAY FOR MEETINGS.

4. I AM SEEKING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TO TAKE PLACE ASAP FOLLOWING FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S APPOINTMENT. OTHER THREE WILL FOLLOW.
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